

**JOINT MEETING
CHILD SAFETY BOARD & SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
JUNE 20, 2005**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present was Chair Alice Harrington, Vice Chair John Pisula, Barbara Ann Tilley, Larry Davis, Mike Holderfield, Rebecca Orlando, Marlon C. Luis, councilmember Susan Starkey. Also in attendance were guest speakers Sherry Friedlander, Claudia Goirigan from A Child is Missing, Sgt John Nasta, Major Taylor and Secretary Ida Canizares.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 radKIDS Training

A memo from Cynthia Frost was handed out to all members. (Memo attached)

Item 2.1 on the agenda was moved to the end

3. NEW BUSINESS

Items 3.1 and 3.2 on the Agenda were moved to the end

3.3 Presentation by "A Child is Missing"

Susan Starkey introduced Sherry and Claudia from A Child is Missing organization. A training video was view by all members present. After the video, Sherry gave background information about the organization and its programs. Sherry introduced Claudia, Vice President-nationwide expansion. A Child is Missing is currently present in 22 states and available nationwide. They have an education component in their organization which includes training children with different scenarios. Sherry explained that it's difficult to get children's attention thru videos. Susan Starkey stepped in to explain that the purpose of the presentation was to see if A Child is Missing can work together in the National Safety Council. Sherry continued to explain that the first step will be individual training for children K-5th grade, the instructor and the video. Then training the middle School children who listen to their peers. The High School kids will be mentors to the middle school children. The video will relate to their age groups, and the person talking to they will their peers. Instructors are always needed.

The second step will be the radKids program. The Third step is Internet Safety and the basic rules of caution on the Internet. She has an internet safety CD from the National Sheriff Association. The four step is How to get away if they are abducted. This program is designed to meet the needs of the various age groups and will be designed in their language. Cherry showed the board their bookmark

with their 10 rules for safety. They print their sponsors name on their bookmark. Cherry spoke about funding since A Child is Missing is a nonprofit organization and their services are free to law enforcement. They received funding from the state and other municipalities including the Town of Davie.

Larry Davis asked how they get the community involved and interested. Cherry mentioned that unfortunately having someone raped or murdered. She mentioned that thru the years they figured the best days to have meeting and also having career days, going to the schools, going to PTAs. She presented their brochure and their magazine. Cherry mentioned having using events such as the Orange Blossom Parade as a way to get information out to parents and children. Cherry warned the board about the different organizations and people that profit from using the name Missing Children, and running scams. She passed around the proposal to the members (copy attached) and asked if they had any questions.

Marlon Luis asked about the bookmark, and said that it will be great to give out to kids and parents in Town's events. Cherry said that the bookmarks are not very expensive since the work is already done, all they have to do is reset the front and send it to the printer. She suggested having a printer company in the Town of Davie to donate the work.

Someone asked (unclear on tape) about the difference between Amber Alert and A Missing Child. Cherry responded that the Amber Alert is for any child under the age of 18 abducted in a vehicle by either a stranger or a family member. A Child is Missing will search around the missing child's home. If there is an Amber Alert then A Child is Missing should be used first because that takes about 15 minutes to get up and running. They are first responders to the scene; Amber Alert gives on the road signage, radio and television.

Someone asked (unclear on tape) how far in a given area will A Child is Missing cover. Cherry replied that they generally start within a mile and when there is water around they will search in the water first.

Susan Starkey mentioned that in the Jessica Landsford case, A Child is Missing system had called three times the predators home and no one answered. The system can work, it won't solve every case but it's an additional tool that can be used. Susan asked the board to review the plan and come up with any suggestions for the next meeting. In the meantime if they wanted to make a motion for funding for radKids, and the bookmarks.

Alison said that up to that point they had already identified recommendations for the additional funding to get more radKids instructors. Major Taylor mentioned that the police department is working on having DARE officers receive radKids training. Susan pointed out that it was a major accomplishment between the PD, the Town of Davie and the Task Force.

(The Tape Stopped.)

Larry mentioned that the idea of getting the school resource officers trained to the police department was better than thru the school board. Susan said that maybe not, because she was friends with Philis, the lady from BEACON TV and she believes they could help.

Cherry talked about Sharon Decenio, victims advocate from the Attorney General Office, she will be glad to come and talk to the board about victim's advocacy. She is blind and a victim herself. Cherry also said that what the board its doing its admirable, but not to waste to much on time on meetings because every 40 seconds a child goes missing. She thanked that board for caring about the subject.

A motion was made by John Pisula for the Town of Davie to work with A Child is Missing and have some bookmarks made for the 4th of July event. Motion was seconded by Barbara Ann Tilley. All in favor, motion was carried.

The bookmarks will say The Town of Davie, Davie Police Dept and the Davie Child Safety Task Force care about yours safety. The Police Dept address will be printed.

*At this point the recording is unclear, the tape recorder batteries were running very low and eventually the batteries died and recording stopped. The recorder was switched.

4. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourn at 8:42 p.m.